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FILE Ciba-Geigy
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July 17, 1986

Honorable Susan L. Farmer
Rhode Island Secretary of State
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Secretary Farmer:

Thank you for forwarding the House resolution on behalf of Representatives Levin, Egan, Sherlock and DeLuca requesting that the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conduct off-site testing for hazardous waste in and around the Ciba-Geigy Plant in Cranston, Rhode Island. The Administrator has asked me to respond to that request.

On January 29, 1986 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management held a public meeting to discuss Ciba-Geigy Corporation's application for a hazardous waste storage permit at the Cranston facility. My staff also attended and explained how the recent amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act might impact that facility. The Department of Environmental Management staff has indicated that the State has initiated testing at the site. This information will be utilized by our Agency in part to determine EPA's future role and direction in this matter.

We appreciate your interest in this matter. If you need any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Betsy Horne at (617) 223-5750 or David Struhs at (617) 223-5498 of the Office of Government Relations and Environmental Review.

Sincerely,

Paul Keough, Acting

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Regional Administrator

cc: Tom Getz - RI DEM



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